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Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A putter club head comprising:

a club head body having a heel, a toe, a striking face, and a body axis;

a hosel including a leg portion extending from said club head body and a boss connected to said leg portion, said boss being configured to accept a shaft along a shaft axis, said shaft axis defining a lie angle with respect to said body axis; and

said leg portion being generally rectangular in cross section with a width and said boss being generally cylindrical with a diameter that is at least equal to the width of said leg portion;

said leg portion configured to deform plastically toward the toe end of said club head body to allow adjustment of said lie angle, said leg portion having a leading edge extending from a point adjacent said boss to another point adjacent said club head body, said leading edge of said leg portion and having a predetermined forward slant angle of approximately 1 to 6 degrees with respect to said body axis such that said leg portion remains concealed by said boss when said club head body is oriented so that said body axis is substantially parallel to a playing surface and viewed from directly above said club head body, within a range of adjustment of said lie angle.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The putter club head of claim 3 1, wherein said predetermined forward slant angle is approximately 2.0 degrees.

5. (canceled)

6. (original) The putter club head of claim 1, wherein said leg portion further includes a horizontal section extending from said boss.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A method of customizing a golf putter comprising the steps of :
providing a golf club head including a club head body having a heel, a toe, a striking face, and a body axis, a hosel including a leg portion extending from said club head body and a boss connected to said leg portion, said boss being configured to accept a shaft along a shaft axis, wherein said leg portion is generally rectangular in cross section with a width and said boss is generally cylindrical with a diameter that is at least equal to the width of said leg portion. wherein said shaft axis defines a lie angle with respect to said body axis, and wherein said leg portion has a leading edge extending from a point adjacent said boss to another point adjacent said club head body with said leading edge of said leg portion having a predetermined forward slant angle of approximately 1 to 6 degrees with respect to said body axis;
determining a target lie angle; and

adjusting said lie angle to said target lie angle by plastically deforming said leg portion toward the toe end of said club head body such that said leg portion is concealed by said boss when said club head body is oriented so that said body axis is substantially parallel to a playing surface and viewed from directly above said club head body, within a range of adjustment of said lie angle.

9. (canceled)

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10 ~~8~~, wherein said providing step ~~including~~ includes providing a leg portion having a predetermined forward slant angle equal to approximately 2.0 degrees.

12. (currently amended) A putter club head comprising:

a club head body having a heel, a toe, a striking face, and a body axis;

a hosel including a leg portion extending from said club head body and a boss connected to said leg portion, said leg portion being generally rectangular in cross section with a width and said boss being generally cylindrical with a diameter that is at least equal to the width of said leg portion, wherein said leg portion includes a leading edge extending from a point adjacent said boss to another point adjacent said club head body, said leading edge of said leg portion having a predetermined forward slant angle of approximately 1 to 6 degrees toward said toe with respect

to said body axis such that said leg portion remains concealed by said boss when said club head body is oriented so that said body axis is substantially parallel to a playing surface and viewed from directly above said club head body, within a range of adjustment of said lie angle, said boss being coupled to a shaft along a shaft axis, said shaft axis defining a lie angle with respect to said body axis.